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In the above-referenced patent application, due to cancellation of claims 1 and the addition of new claims 2-24 the total excess claim fee for the Applicant's Small Entity status has been calculated for four independent claims as \$40 and for twenty-three claims as \$27. Payment of excess claim fees of sixty-seven dollars (\$67) is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In the above-captioned patent application, entry of the following preliminary amendments and consideration of the subsequent remarks are respectively requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the original as-filed specification with the attached substitute specification. A separate marked-up specification is enclosed which changes shown with brackets for deletions and underlines for insertion.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1 and add new claims 2 through 24 as follows:

2. (new) A sequential processing reaction vessel for treatment of solids at high temperatures and pressures comprising:

a pressure resistant, microwave transparent, outer housing, said housing being able to

withstand at least 150 psi of internal pressure at temperatures up to at least 150° C;

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